

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 63 – 83 were pending in the application.

Claims 63, 64, 69 – 71, 73 – 78, 80 – 82 have been rejected.

Claims 72, 79, and 83 have been objected to.

Claims 72, 80, and 81 have been amended. Claims 63-71, 73-79, and 82-83 have been canceled.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 72, 80, and 81 will be pending.

Summary of the Amendment

Claim 72 has been amended to recite the invention more precisely. Support for the amendment can be found throughout the specification and originally filed claims.

Claims 80 and 81 have been amended to correct their dependency. Support for the amendment can be found throughout the specification and originally filed claims.

No new matter has been added.

Rejection under U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

Claims 63, 64, 69-71, 73-78, and 80-82 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph for allegedly failing the written description requirement. Claims 72, 80, and 81 have been amended. Claims 63-71, 73-79, and 82-83 have been canceled. The amendments render the rejection moot.

The claims satisfy the written description requirement. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, be withdrawn.

Rejection under U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claims 75, 76, and 82 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph for allegedly being indefinite. Claims 72, 80, and 81 have been amended. Claims 63-71, 73-79, and 82-83 have been canceled. The amendments render the rejection moot.

The claims are definite. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

Claim Objections

Claims 63, 64, and 70-82 stand objected to for allegedly reciting non-elected subject matter. Claims 72, 80, and 81 have been amended. Claims 63-71, 73-79, and 82-83 have been canceled. The amendments obviate the basis for objection to the claims.

Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the claims be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Claims 72, 80, and 81 are in condition for allowance. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies of fees and credit of any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0436.

Respectfully submitted,

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